

Wichita Daily Eagle

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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Republicans of Sedgewick county will meet in delegates convention at the Garfield hall in the city of Wichita, on Saturday, September 5th, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention of the party to be held at St. Louis, Mo., on the 17th of September, 1892. The delegates to be elected will be from the several townships of the county, and will be elected in the same manner as that of the county at large, at the same place, on the same day, at the same hour, and on the same terms. The delegates to be elected will be from the several townships of the county, and will be elected in the same manner as that of the county at large, at the same place, on the same day, at the same hour, and on the same terms.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Personally the political situation in Sedgewick county seems to be warming up in a characteristic and lively way, but its only personally involving but the ambitions of individual aspirants. And this is all well enough and a hopeful sign. But so far as the great body of the Republican party is concerned it is serene, its members undistracted and determined. The distrust of the past two years can no longer be found with the average old time Republican voter. The opposition of the other organizations have shown their strength, both singly and combined, and the last two elections left a record which shows for itself that a united Republican front cannot be beaten. There being no dissensions or causes for any of the Republicans of Sedgewick county this fall will be found working harmoniously and voting solidly. So while the opposition are intriguing, hob-nobbing and trading and "fixing things" daily, the Republicans are calmly waiting for the development of all the schemes that they may with honest votes knock them all in the head.

With good men on their ticket and with no distracting issues the Republicans can squarely and honestly carry Sedgewick county against all opposition, combined or otherwise. And that is what there seems a calm and determined disposition to do this fall with reference to every officer to be elected, from the district judgeship to county commissioner. The truth is honest Republicans have become tired of being badgered about by side issues and wheedled by dishonest and trickier trades of combined enemies, and the resolve seems to be and no doubt is, to straighten out the entire situation and put only clean and honorable Republicans into office, by a solid vote of a straight unsundered ticket in November.

Let the convention of the 5th give us, therefore, the very best men.

A FALSE CONCLUSION.

We get an idea of the immense resources of Kansas from the statement that the people of that commonwealth will receive \$100,000,000 as the proceeds of their sales of stock and farm produce raised during the present year. That is to say, grain, stock and farm produce in value to that sum will be sent outside of the state, in addition to what the people will need for home consumption. The value of the last—the farm produce consumed within the state—can hardly be less than the value of the exports. It is difficult to understand why a people who possess such sources of wealth should be engaged in a crusade against the sound economic policy which contributes so largely to their prosperity.—Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.

The resources of Kansas and its material conditions are not overdrawn in the foregoing. The only mistake in it is the supposition that the people who possess such sources of wealth are engaged in a crusade against the sound economic policy which contributes to their prosperity. The crusade referred to, that is being waged to the discredit of the state, was inaugurated and is being prosecuted by a lot of irresponsible fault-finders and croakers who are not producers, but who are prosperity bears for what they can make out of it. And it is strange that a periodical of the standing and intelligence of the paper above quoted should have been led into the error of making such a statement as the concluding sentence above quoted.

KANSAS JOLLERS AND KANSAS RAILROADS.

The Transmissouri Railway Freight association, which assumes to control and regulate the freight rates between Kansas City and other points, approves of the sugar rate from New Orleans to Wichita and other points within their jurisdiction as equitable and reasonable rates.

Whether they are or not we will give the rates and let the people judge.

The rates from New Orleans to the different cities as follows, on sugar in car-load lots:

Per 100 lbs.
New Orleans to Wichita, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to Salina, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to Hutchinson, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to Fort Scott, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to Lawrence, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to Topeka, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to Leavenworth, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to Pottawatomie, Kan.....60 cents
New Orleans to St. Paul, Minn.....60 cents
New Orleans to St. Louis, Mo.....60 cents
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By taking up the United States map, one can readily see the correct location of these cities from New Orleans; and by comparing the rates, we very plainly find the discrimination made against Kansas points west of Fort Scott.

It is claimed that a Missouri river line is used as a basing point; and so Kansas City, Omaha and Sioux City are given that rate. Lincoln, Neb., is not a Missouri river point, but it is given the same rate. Fort Scott is not a Missouri river point, therefore it cannot be that Missouri river is the basing line for a 60 cent rate. Fairmount, Neb., is allowed a 35 cent rate on sugar from New Orleans, or 6 cents more than the Missouri river rate, while Wichita, Hutchinson, Arkansas City and Salina are compelled to pay 60 cents per 100 pounds, or 30 cents per 100 pounds more than Missouri river points.

Fairmount, Neb., is west of the sixth principal meridian, a quasi basing line, while Wichita is east of the sixth principal meridian. Why Fairmount, Neb., of the Missouri river, a longer distance from New Orleans than the Kansas points, should be allowed such a rate by the Transmissouri association, is one of these mysteries that provokes our business men to inquire into the justice of this 60 cent rate. Denver and Pueblo are charged only 10 cents per 100 pounds more than Wichita, a distance of 500 miles, while Wichita is charged 30 cents per 100 pounds more than Ft. Scott, Kan., a distance of 150 miles. Minneapolis, Minn., is given a rate of 34 cents per 100, while Denver is charged 70 cents per 100 pounds.

In comparing the rates to different places from New Orleans, it plainly shows that distance, location, amount of business on the Missouri river, does not seem to cut any figure in the making of rates, from New Orleans to Kansas points. If it does to points outside of Kansas, why does it not to Kansas points? These are the questions the Kansas people would like to have answered.

The rate on sugar from Galveston to Kansas City is 30 cents per 100 pounds, and to Wichita and other points in Kansas 60 cents per 100 pounds.

The excuse made for the discrimination against Kansas points is because

other roads force a low rate to the Missouri river and they are compelled to meet the competition. Admitting it to be true, it does not prevent the Kansas roads from protecting their business men the same as the roads outside of the state protect their patrons. The Fort Scott and Gulf railways and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway protect the points on their line, as the rates show. That the Kansas roads do not do this is evidenced from the rates in effect.

It was supposed that the interstate commerce law was enacted for the purpose of correcting just such cases as this, and, if true, it should be done.

There is evidence that the officials of the Kansas roads admit the discrimination, but refuse to remedy it.

There is no hesitation on the part of the railways to increase the rates on any commodity to Kansas points; and voluntarily cut rates against a competing line at a loss to other points; in other words, they voluntarily do unreasonable things in one case and refuse to do reasonable things in another.

Kansas jobbers have a right to demand equal rates from all railways in the handling of their business from any point, believing that they have the ability to do business on an even basis with their competitors; but do not believe their competitors should have an advantage. The fairness of the position taken by the Kansas jobbers, relative to the sugar rate from New Orleans and Galveston, recommends itself to public approval; and the unfair, unequal and extremely high rates on sugar as shown to Kansas points by the railways, provokes condemnation.

Will the railways voluntarily correct that which they admit to be wrong? or is the move on their part in raising and making unreasonable rates for the purpose of forcing extreme legislation?

THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE.

Among other important things decided by the People's party of Texas in convention, was that effective speakers must be sent to Ohio to defeat McKinley. That People's convention didn't say anything about the desirability of defeating the Democratic party in Texas, for the reason that eight out of every ten of them are old mossback Democrats. And so it is everywhere that we find the same sentiment. The People's party in Kansas have very little choice as to whether the men elected to office are Alliance or Democrat, and when neither seems possible they join hands and curse the party of manhood and equality.

The project that was suggested several months ago for deporting large numbers of negroes from the southern states to Mexico has been revived. W. H. Ellis, of St. Paul, Minn., says he has the names of 6,000 Senegambians who desire to go there from the southern states; and he further says that he has obtained concessions from the Mexican government for the purpose of the provinces of Vera Cruz, Queretaro, San Luis Potosi and Oajaca.

What with this scheme, when it shall have been put into successful operation, and the California colonization project, mentioned a few days ago, and still the Liberian enterprise of several years' standing, it would seem that the negro problem may yet be solved, some time. But all this talk about negro deportation reminds us of the answer the old darkey made to the recruiting officer during the late war when pressed to join the army. Said he to the officer: "You've sent two dogs fight over bone, haint you?" "Yes." "Well, did you ever see dog bone fight any?" So it is with these schemes and plans to get the negro out of the south; he don't take much stock in any of them. Fact is he don't want to go. If he did, the way is open.

Every item of information touching the food supply situation in the east as given in the dispatches, but adds to the interest centered there. Added to the short crop reports from different parts of the continent comes the report that the bread crops in Great Britain have been cut short by adverse weather conditions. Ordinarily this would have little effect upon the world's supply of the market prices of breadstuffs, but with such supply short by at least two months without counting the English failure, this last, small as it is in comparison with the total product of the world, it cannot fail to emphasize the almost unprecedented advantage that the American producers find themselves possessed of. There is no longer room to doubt that America, the United States, is master of the situation as to prices. With the balance of the world short and the United States the only country with a surplus, and that not equal to the probable demand by one-third, there is no reason why the producers here may not get what they demand.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge undertakes to play the role of a political prophet in the September number of the Forum, in an article on "The Political Issues of 1892," and he predicts that the most prominent issue in the next presidential campaign will be not the tariff question, but the question of the free coinage of silver.

The tariff question, he maintains, is one that is always with us, and is not settled now, and will not be settled at any early date, but that the agitation of the free coinage of silver has now reached so acute a stage that it is not going to pass away before some definite action is taken, and that the popular feeling is such that this is obliged to come to a crisis in the next year's campaign. This is something of a departure from Mr. Lodge's inasmuch as his championship of the elections bill before the last congress and the interest he manifested in the fate of that measure naturally suggested that he would still regard that as the paramount issue next year.

Leavenworth is making special efforts to create a revival of business and industrial prosperity, and to that end public meetings are being held frequently to discuss the situation and devise a plan that will lead to the desired goal. At one of said meetings a day or two ago, Hon. Ed Carroll declared that "if we had given to manufacturers one-tenth of the \$1,500,000 we have given to railroads, we should now be infinitely better off."

If they had given the one-tenth alluded to to manufacturers and the other nine-tenths to railroads, there is little doubt that Mr. Carroll's conclusions would be correct. The railroad building business was somewhat overdone a few years ago,

to be sure, the result in part of the liberal assistance extended by the people; but without the railroads it would be useless to undertake to build up manufacturing or industrial enterprises of any sort; there would be no demand for manufacturing, and no way of supplying it if there were.

The harvest excursions now begun promise to bring large numbers of visitors to Kansas than have come during the past two or three years. The state's immense crops and generally prosperous condition has been universally proclaimed, and, naturally enough, pleasure seekers and home seekers and curiosity hunters all want to "take in" the enchanting situation of a "great desert" transformed into a very verdant. And none will be disappointed, whatever may be their surprise.

Since Brazil became a republic it has vastly increased in favor as a field for German immigrants, of whom 7,927 have gone there during the first six months of the present year, as compared with 2,377 during the whole of last year, while in 1889 there were only 238. This large increase accounts for a corresponding decrease in the number of arrivals in the United States of that thrifty and desirable class of immigrants.

Sam Jones declares that if all the people were in Sing Sing prison who deserve to be that institution would have to be 2,000 miles square. The New Orleans Times-Democrat declares that this would leave only Sam Jones, George Francis Train and two or three other lunatics outside the breastworks. Classing Sam Jones with George Francis Train is a great let down for Jones, but he did it himself.

OF COURSE IT FELL FLAT.

Mrs. Diggs made a doleful speech to a farmers' meeting in the city of St. Louis, Mo., the other day, in which she told the old, old story about the oppression of capital and the extreme poverty of the agricultural classes. She was not much liked in her audience, for over half of them had money out at interest, and but very few of them were farmers. A calamity speech on a prosperous audience like that fell flat enough to discourage the most persistent speaker of the West.

Precisely. To abuse capitalists to farmers—particularly in the east—is dangerous business. The man who owns a farm and the usual equipment of it is a capitalist in the true sense of the word and wants to keep what he has and add more to it just as hard as anybody else. What is more, he will do it, and hot weather and high water can't prevent him. The farmers are the real capitalists of the world, anyhow, and always have been and always will be.—Capital.

DOLLAR WHEAT THE DAVID.

From the Atchafalpa Patriot.

Once there roamed over the fertile fields of Kansas an ugly dwarf named "Ten Cent Corn." He was an uninviting and repulsive creature, but most amorous nevertheless, and proposed an alliance with each of the maidens, "Plenty" and "Prosperity," but they ran away from him and would have nothing to do with him. However, he finally formed a liaison with an old hag called "Shiffler," who was willing to do anything to change her condition. As a result of this union, a child was born, which he named "Calamity-Howler." It grew amazingly fast, and soon became as big as G